

To Doctor John P. Green
Philadelphia
Penn.

Worcester Mass. Decr 19th 1840

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[John P. Green Mss. – A.L.S.]

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Everwell from your affectionate brother
Saml Beltrame

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